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SUBJECT: DOD EQUIPMENT TEAM - PRESS GUIDANCE

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1. THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION TO REFTEL MAY BE USED TO
RESPOND TO QUERY CONCERNING PRESENCE OF A DOD SURVEY TEAM
PRESENT IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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QUOTE A SEVEN-MEMBER US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT
SURVEY TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN MANILA ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 2,
1978 TO REVIEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES. THE TEAM WILL MEET WITH REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF THE ARMED FORCES AND GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES.

UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR TEN-DAY SURVEY, THE TEAM WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AND REPORT THEIR OBSERVATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

Q1. IS THE TEAM ASSOCIATED WITH THE ONGOING BASE NEGOTIATIONS?

A. THE TEAM IS REVIEWING THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOP IN THE BROAD CONTEXT OF THE US/GOP DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING THE BASES.

Q2. WILL THE TEAM BE ADVISING THE AFP OF ANY MILITARY OPERATION?

A. NO.

Q3. WHO HEADS THE TEAM?

A. BRIG. GEN. IRWIN P. GRAHAM, ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLITICAL MILITARY AFFAIRS ORGANIZATION OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WILL BE THE TEAM LEADER. MEMBERS WILL INCLUDE ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH OF THE OJCS, AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY, CINCPAC AND DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY.

Q4. WHAT WILL THE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE TEAM BE UNCLASSIFIED

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USED FOR?

A. THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO INFORM THE US GOVERNMENT OF THE MILITARY NEEDS OF THE PHILIPPINES. UNQUOTE

2. THE ABOVE GUIDANCE SHOULD BE USED ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS ONLY. VANCE

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